Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 15 Aug 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 16 Aug 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 15 Aug 2021 at 04:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence in forecast for Sunday, lower confidence in the amount of showers likely and how far south they penetrate inland. Although it looks quite settled for the early part of next week, cloud amounts will be hard to forecast.

Headline for Sunday 15 Aug 2021: Bright spells but a few showers developing and freshening northwesterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 15 Aug 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	30%	50%	30%	20%

Forecast for Sunday 15 Aug 2021

Weather: A few clear spells overnight but more in the way of cloud for northern ranges. A bright start to the day and staying mainly dry for the much of the morning but a few showers will start to move across the northern ranges by lunchtime. Some of the showers will become heavy for a time but in the freshening breeze they should move through quite quickly. Drier and brighter for hills west of the A9.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%, generally clear tops but patches of low cloud will develop around showers particularly around the northern Cairngorms.

Visibility: Low cloud that develops around showers will generally be above 600m and some breaks will still appear at times. In the afternoon cloud may lower and become a little thicker at times. Visibility below any low cloud will be good with far reaching views but will dip in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	14/16 W	14/18 W	16/21 W	21/28 W	26/34 NW	26/35 NW	28/36 NW
900	12/14 W	11/14 W	14/18 W	16/22 W	21/27 NW	19/25 NW	20/26 NW
600	6/9 W	8/11 W	10/14 W	12/17 W	14/20 NW	11/17 NW	11/16 NW
300	2/7 SW	4/11 SW	6/14 W	7/16 W	9/19 NW	8/18 N	6/15 NW
Glen	1/6 SW	4/11 SW	5/17 W	7/22 NW	5/19 NW	4/15 N	3/17 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/0	4/-0	5/0	5/-1	4/-2	3/-4	1/-6
900	7/4	7/4	8/5	8/5	7/3	6/1	4/-1
600	9/8	9/7	11/9	11/8	10/7	8/5	6/3
300	11/10	12/11	13/12	13/12	12/10	10/8	8/7
Glen	10/10	12/12	15/14	15/13	13/12	10/9	8/7
Freezing Level*	2100m	2100m	2100m	2000m	1900m	1500m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Northwesterly winds will freshen during the day and will be gustier around any passing showers. Feeling a little cooler than of late.

Forecast for Monday 16 Aug 2021
Weather: A mainly dry night and morning but rain and cloud spreading across from the west during the afternoon, eastern hills staying dry for most of the day.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15 mph with gusts 25 mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% in the morning, some lower cloud affecting western ranges by mid afternoon so 80% there.

Visibility: Excellent visibility around the ranges during the morning but visibility reducing during the afternoon as rain approaches from the west. Scattered low cloud will affect the Ben Alder hills and Creag Meagaidh but mid afternoon, cloud bases likely to be around 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 9 Celsius.
Freezing level: above the summits.

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